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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/773,241  
Inventor(s) : John C. Molander *et al.*  
Filed : January 31, 2001  
Art Unit : 3761  
Examiner : Michele M. Kidwell  
Docket No. : 8409  
Confirmation No. : 6142  
Customer No. : 27752  
Title : Absorbent Article with Tension-Dividing Side Panels

AMENDMENT AFTER 1<sup>ST</sup> OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111(c)

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of June 28, 2006, the time for response being extended by one month, pursuant to the fee charged to the Assignee's Deposit Account in the papers submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks and reconsider the application. Attached hereto is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, and the fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(a), providing for a timely response up to and including October, 30 2006 (October 28, 2006 falls on a Saturday).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 6 of this paper.